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AMENDMENTS

Please amend the application as indicated hereafter.

In the Claims

Please substitute the following clean copy text for the pending claims of the same number, and cancel claims 7-9 and 20-22 without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer.

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1. A fire-blocking fabric comprising:
a nonwoven scrim; and
a plurality of flame resistant fibers entangled to and with the nonwoven scrim on one side of the scrim via at least one of the following: needlepunching, hydroentanglement, and chemical bonding.

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15. A fire-blocking fabric comprising:
a nonwoven scrim comprising approximately 50% melamine fibers, approximately 25% para-aramid fibers, and approximately 25% meta-aramid fibers; and
a plurality of flame resistant fibers that are entangled to and with one side of the nonwoven scrim, the fibers including at least one of aramid fibers, polybenzimidazole fibers, and melamine fibers, wherein the fibers are entangled to and with the nonwoven scrim via at least of the following: needlepunching, hydroentanglement, and chemical bonding.

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26. A fire-blocking fabric comprising:
a nonwoven scrim comprising at least one of: melamine fibers, para-aramid fibers, meta-aramid fibers, and polybenzimidazole fibers, wherein at least one of the fibers of the scrim comprises up to approximately 95% by weight of the scrim; and
a plurality of flame resistant fibers that are entangled to and with one side of the nonwoven scrim, the fibers including at least one of aramid fibers, polybenzimidazole fibers, and melamine fibers, wherein the fibers are entangled with the scrim via at least one of the following: needlepunching, hydroentanglement, and chemical bonding.